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Office of Economic Impact and Diversity

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A Message from the Director and 2021 Vision



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As my tenure comes to a close, I'd like to express it has been the honor of my lifetime to serve as Director of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity. As I look back on all we have accomplished together as a team, I am humbled and inspired by this amazing staff and our dedicated stakeholders, whom I have truly enjoyed interacting with on our shared goals and values. Looking toward the future, I am endowed with the confidence that each of you will play an important part in promoting the goals of Equity in Energy and our Congressional mandate to build a comprehensive energy economy that serves our communities. Thank you all for your efforts to support a diverse and prosperous future for our nation.

ED 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We invite you to check out all the great ED accomplishments under Director Campos [HERE](#).

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO **RODNEY ELLIS AND MICKEY LELAND**

“The Founders of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity (ED) 1979.
Congressman Mickey Leland & the Hon. Rodney Ellis”



On Thursday January 15, 2021, Director Campos presented a virtual unveiling of a framed photo memorializing the 2 individuals who created ED. Director Campos thanked The Honorable Rodney Ellis for all of his efforts that lead to the accomplishments this office has been able to bring to pass.

With this photo up in the office, everyone who enters will know the founders of ED and the gratitude shared for their efforts

EQUITY IN ENERGY

Ambassadors and Champions Quarterly Meeting

On January 12th, held in our Secretary of Energy Board room, Director Campos lead the first quarterly meeting in 2021 for Equity in Energy. Opening remarks from Director Campos included guest speakers Commissioner Rodney Ellis of Harris County, TX, who played a key role in the establishment of the DOE ED office, highlighting its past accomplishments and Texas Railroad Commissioner Wayne Christian on the present role of DOE ED and their programs, such as the Formerly Incarcerated Persons Program.



Commissioner Rodney Ellis



Commissioner Wayne Christian

Director Campos highlighted the importance of the Equity in Energy initiative and the 7 Pillars that were implemented over many years to have the initiative approved. Presenters Vince Quarles, Christy Jackiewicz, and Jerry Silva highlighted the outcomes for Ambassador Feedback stemming from breakout sessions conducted on each pillar with the 25 ambassador calling in from throughout the nation to participate in the quarterly meeting and their role in being the megaphone of the Initiative. Launching greater awareness and interest to the programs as part of the Equity in Energy initiative.

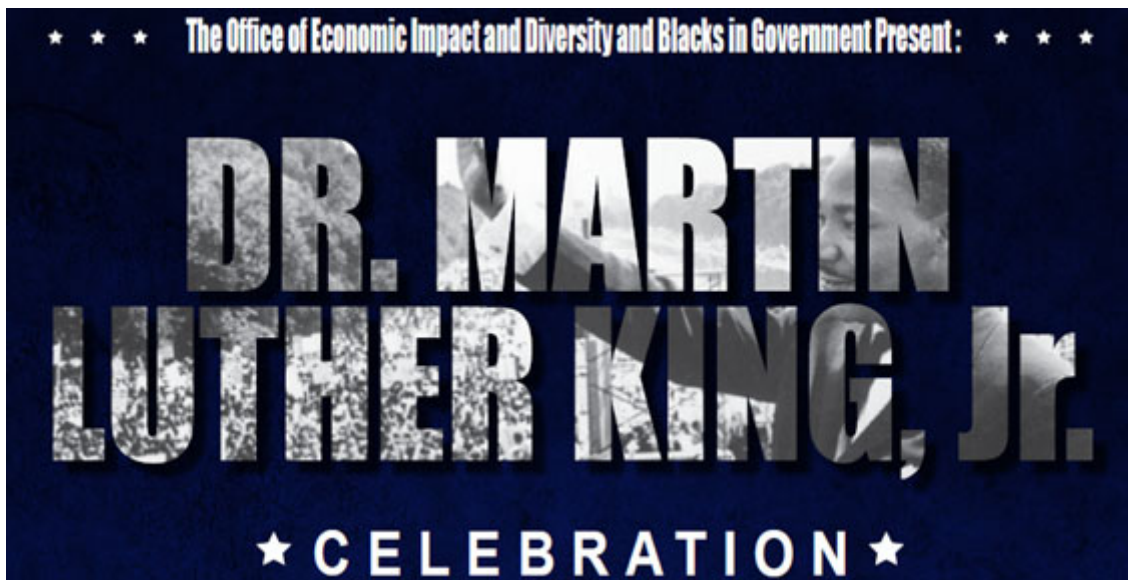




Following the presentation on programming, Dr. Andres Sayles, gave a historical perspective of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity and the importance of the initiative and Deputy Director Ann Augustyn offered a vision for how to continue the Equity in Energy during the leadership transition. In closing, Director Campos thanked all the

ambassadors and champions in making the Equity In Energy a priority for 2021 and beyond by being a megaphone to bring more awareness, to help the underserved communities.





“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

In Honor of the MLK holiday, ED joined together with Blacks in Government to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. January 14, 2021. It was a meaningful, timely and relevant celebration to remember the inspiring legacy of Dr. King and the progressive movement he began. Throughout the program, several relevant and important themes of Dr. King’s work were touched on.

Dr. Roslyn Artis, President of Benedict College, started off the meeting strong with her remarks talking about working toward the “Beloved Community” the importance of being conscious and aware, to educate others about the importance of equality and justice. Mr. Thomas Dortch, Chairman of 100 Black Men of America, highlighted the value of different perspectives when working together. He encouraged us to not just reflect on Dr. King’s teachings one day per year, but to strive every day to incorporate his work into our lives.

Following our speakers was an esteemed panel discussion with Ms. Paula Glover, President of American Association of Blacks in Energy, and Mr. John Hairston, Administrator at the Bonneville Power Administration, emphasizing the importance of mentors which can serve as a reminder to us all to work together with those who have shared values. “True leaders don’t seek other leaders, but inspire them.”

The MLK observance underscored the importance of the work we do in ED’s Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) division. ED works toward these goals in furthering Dr. MLK’s dream, by respecting diversity and giving everyone an opportunity to contribute to the goals and objectives of the Department of Energy.

Together we can achieve the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, while fully awake, with peace, love and understanding.

SPECIAL THANKS



At the start of my tenure I was introduced to a very special and highly influential individual in the energy sector, Ms. Paula Glover. Now the President of Alliance to Save Energy and then the president & CEO of American Association of Blacks in Energy, her support of this office and partnership on Equity in Energy proved invaluable to our key accomplishments. It has been an absolute pleasure working with such a multi-talented leader such as Ms. Glover. She exemplifies the dedication towards the greater good of the energy community. I am forever grateful for her friendship and professionalism and inspired by her grace and dedication to serve our communities and our nation.

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Upcoming Events

January 26, 2021 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM

[Awareness, Interest and Access:](#)

[National Laboratory Winter Session with Brookhaven](#)

February 17, 2021 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM

[Empowering and Transforming Our Communities – An Innovation and](#)

[Entrepreneurship Journey](#)

Please [bookmark our website](#) for information and dates for the next webinar series session.